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Attention: Erika Garrett.

Date: 07 December 2002.

Dear Examiner,

Re: Application No. 09/836,677; Filing Date 17 April 2001; Art Unit 3636; Applicant:
Brook, Sapoty.

In response to the Office Action dated 18 October 2002, the applicant proposes the following revised amendments and explanations in relation to the examiner's response to the applicant's first response to the examiner dated 11 July 2002.

Claims 1 and 2:

Claim 1 is to be amended by reduction of generality as described below.

Claim 2 is to be cancelled.

All subsequent claims referring to claim 2 (claims 3, 4, 5, 8, and 14) are to be amended to refer to claim 1 instead of claim 2.

Amendment of claim 1:

The underlined text is added to the text proposed in the applicant's first response to the examiner dated 11 July 2002.

1. A convertible inflatable furnishing which comprises an inflatable base including a base upper skin which forms a layer of the upper side of the base, a base lower skin which forms a layer of the lower side of the base, and a rim side which links the edge of the upper side of the base to the edge of the lower side of the base, an inflatable backrest, a fixing means to fix the backrest to the base upper skin, a first joining means joining the fixing means to the backrest and a second joining means joining the fixing means to the base upper skin, and an air passage between the base and the backrest allowing a flow of air between the inside of the base and the inside of the backrest when loads on the base and backrest change; said first joining means and said second joining means are non-translocatable; said fixing means is sufficiently flexible to allow the backrest to recline increasingly with deflation of the backrest including when the backrest is under an increasing load, and allow the backrest to erect increasingly with inflation of the backrest including when the load on the backrest is reducing.

Explanation: (Response to examiner's position on page 6) Tai discloses an inflatable furnishing featuring first and second joining means which are translocatable